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**Committee Bill No. 5392**

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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR  
IN THE STATE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 32-1o of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but  
5 not be limited to, the following:

6 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state. Such  
7 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral  
8 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor  
9 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic  
10 trend analysis and projections;

11 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or  
12 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut  
13 and its constituent regions. Such factors, issues or forces shall include,  
14 but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not limited to,

15 commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology transfer,  
16 brownfield remediation and development, health care delivery and  
17 costs, early education, primary education, secondary and  
18 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business  
19 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs  
20 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and  
21 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,  
22 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;

23 (3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing  
24 or declining within the state;

25 (4) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state, including,  
26 but not limited to, the technology sector, that (A) identifies those  
27 industry sectors and emerging technologies that are of current or  
28 future importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its  
29 global competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors  
30 need for continued growth, [and] (C) identifies those industry sectors'  
31 current and potential impediments to growth, and (D) for the  
32 technology sector, identifies areas in the state that contain resources to  
33 best support such growth;

34 (5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure  
35 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of  
36 the past and current economic, community and housing development  
37 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its  
38 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the  
39 performance of the current economic, community and housing  
40 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting  
41 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their  
42 impact on economic development and responsible growth in  
43 Connecticut;

44 (6) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut that  
45 identifies where the state should be in five, ten, fifteen and twenty  
46 years;

47 (7) Establishment of clear and measurable goals and objectives for  
48 the state and regions, to meet the short and long-term goals established  
49 under this section and provide clear steps and strategies to achieve  
50 said goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, the following:  
51 (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B) the  
52 fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the use  
53 of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement and  
54 protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective  
55 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state  
56 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of  
57 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed  
58 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound  
59 management of physical development;

60 (8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this  
61 section;

62 (9) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and  
63 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,  
64 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect  
65 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement  
66 methodology;

67 (10) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals  
68 under the strategic plan and provide cost estimates for implementation  
69 of the plan and the projected return on investment for those areas;

70 (11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the  
71 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,  
72 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,  
73 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified  
74 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,  
75 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and  
76 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The  
77 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of  
78 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a

79 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

80 (12) An assessment of program performance with regard to the  
81 development, research and economic assistance matching grant  
82 program established pursuant to section 32-345; and

83 (13) Any other responsible growth information that the  
84 commissioner deems appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	32-1o(c)

**CE**      *Joint Favorable*